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Great Truth Quotes that Enlighten, Invigorate and Strengthen Your Mind!



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“Satyameva Jayate” –
 “Truth alone Triumphs” –
 A Sanskrit verse from the
 Mundaka Upanishad (~500
 BC) inscribed as a motto
 under the Emblem of India.

Welcome to the Spiritual Bee’s collection of **Great Truth Quotes!**

In the history of the world, humanity has always placed the highest emphasis on truth. Truth however, is not simply a matter of “not telling a lie” – it is much more than that.

In this collection of truth quotes, I have endeavored to uncover some of truth’s deeper meanings.

“When the lamp of truth is lit, darkness vanishes by itself.”

– **Swami Vivekananda**

It is an interesting fact, that the desire for truth is innate in man. It is not something that can be externally imposed, but which comes from within.

Nothing satisfies us like knowing the truth, because only then, do we come face to face with reality, all doubts cease and we become one with knowledge itself.

“It is the function of our intellect to realise the Truth through Untruths.

Knowledge is nothing but the continually burning up of error to set free the light of Truth.”

– **Rabindranath Tagore**

A simple example of this is the ancient man who was frightened of eclipses. It was only when science advanced and man understood the truth – that eclipses were caused by the revolution of the earth and the moon – that all superstitions ceased and he was liberated from his fear.

This hunger for truth has sent man searching for the principles governing both the outside material world as well as his inner spiritual world. The quest for material truths has resulted in the greatest advances in science that mankind has ever seen. In less than 150 years, science has linked up the world like never before.

What is perhaps less recognized, are the advances mankind has made in the quest for spiritual truths. Through

the ages, in different parts of the world, great teachers have arisen, who have strived to realize the unifying truths beneath this diversity of Creation.

“Gladness is the one criterion of Truth, and we know when we have touched Truth by the joy of greeting it sends forth.”

– Rabindranath Tagore

Their profound moral teachings have all focused on one explicit purpose – to raise the collective consciousness of humanity, i.e. to expand man’s awareness beyond his narrow self, so that he embraces the well-being of others as his own. From the ancient sages of the Upanishads; from Krishna the preacher of the Bhagavad Gita; from Buddha; from Moses, Christ and Mohammed; and from countless others, this stream of moral truths has flowed forth, to inundate the world.

Our modern day values of equality, freedom, liberty, justice, and democracy, all have their genesis in the invaluable efforts of these illumed teachers, whose love of truth, have made possible, the dreams of yesterday.

Truth Quotes and Sayings by Topic

Presented below is an amazing collection of great truth quotes. To get the most out of these truth quotes I have categorized them under the following subheadings:

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I hope these quotes about truth illuminate your soul and fill your mind with strength and joy.

Truth is the Light that has Guided Humanity’s Ship in its Passage through the Ages

The greatest truths are the simplest things in the world, simple as your own existence.

Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902), one of India’s greatest and most beloved spiritual teachers, whose life and teachings have served as an inspiration to millions of people across the world.

All truth is eternal. Truth is nobody’s property; no race, no individual can lay any exclusive claim to it. Truth is the nature of all souls.

Swami Vivekananda.

Nothing will satisfy you until you know truth for yourself.

Ramakrishna Paramhansa (1836-1886).

Whenever our life is stirred by truth, it expresses energy and comes to be filled, as it were, with a creative ardor. This consciousness of the creative urge is evidence of the force of truth on our mind.

A quote on truth, by one of India's greatest minds – Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941). His breathtaking literary works which can be [freely downloaded](#) from our website, are a must read for any seeker of spiritual wisdom.

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The divinity inside man unconsciously asserts itself. Unfailingly it detects fraud and hypocrisy, and unerringly feels the warmth of truth, the light of spirituality and the holiness of purity.

A great quote on truth from the book “Speeches and Writings of Swami Vivekananda”.

Untruth is impure in any circumstances for it makes our inner nature unclean. This is a moral law and it belongs to a higher plane.

Rabindranath Tagore.

There is no god higher than truth.

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948).

Facts are many, but the truth is one.

Rabindranath Tagore.

“Comfort” is No Test of Truth

“Comfort” is no test of truth; on the contrary, truth is often far from being comfortable.

Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902).

All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.

Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860).

And here is the test of truth: anything that makes you weak, physically, intellectually and spiritually, reject it as poison, there is no life in it – it cannot be true.

A quote on truth from the book “From Colombo to Almora” by Swami Vivekananda.

If you love truth, you'll trust it – that is, you will expect it to be good, beautiful, perfect, orderly, etc., in the long run, not necessarily in the short run.

Abraham Maslow (1908-1970).

The great King Bhartrihari said – “Let the sages blame or let them praise; let the goddess of fortune come or let her go wherever she likes; let death come to-day, or let it come in hundreds of years; he indeed is the steady man who does not move one inch from the way of truth.”

A powerful quote on truth from the book “From Colombo to Almora” by Swami Vivekananda.

When you speak, speak the truth; perform when you promise; discharge your trust. Withhold your hands from striking and from taking that which is unlawful and bad.

Dr. Abdul Kalam, President of India (2002-2007), distinguished scientist and founder of India’s space program.

Truth is Enlightening, Invigorating and Strengthening

Truth is enlightening and invigorating. It is truth alone that gives strength. Truth alone gives life, and nothing but going towards reality will make us strong, and none will reach truth until they are strong.

Strength, therefore, is the one thing that we want. Strengthening is the medicine which the poor must have when tyrannised over by the rich. Strength is the medicine that the ignorant must have when oppressed by the learned; and it is the medicine that sinners must have when tyrannised over by other sinners.

A great quote about truth from the book “Speeches and Writings of Swami Vivekananda”.

What one wishes is to be touched by truth and to be able to interpret that truth. So that one may use what one is feeling and experiencing, be it despair or joy, in a way that will add meaning to ones’ life and will hopefully touch others as well. This is art in its highest form. These moments of enlightenment are what I continue to live for.

An inspiring quote on truth by pop music legend, Michael Jackson.

Whenever you have truth it must be given with love, or the message and the messenger will be rejected.

Mahatma Gandhi.

Freedom of Mind is Necessary for the Reception of Truth

Freedom of mind is needed for the reception of truth; terror hopelessly kills it.

An interview given by Rabindranath Tagore to the Russian newspaper Izvestia, in 1930.

For only when free men write and speak the truth will the exercise of arbitrary power be exposed and opposed.

A great quote about truth by an unknown author.

I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865).

We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.

John F. Kennedy.

The Great Enemy of Truth is Often the Myth Persistent

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The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie deliberate, contrived, and dishonest; but the myth persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic.

Too often we hold fast to the clichés of our forebears. We subject all facts to a prefabricated set of interpretations. We enjoy the comfort of opinions without the discomfort of thought.

John F. Kennedy.

Argument is meant to reveal the truth, not to create it.

Edward de Bono.

An error does not become truth by reason of multiplied propagation, nor does truth become error because nobody sees it.

Mahatma Gandhi.

The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth.

John F. Kennedy (1917-1963).

Truth may Percolate Slowly across Society, but as Long as the Flame is Lit in One Single Mind, the Awakening of the Greater Mass of Humanity Sooner or Later, is Assured

Sooner or later there will be a chain reaction, for the truth has to appear only once, in one single mind for it to be impossible for anything ever to prevent it from spreading universally and setting everything ablaze.

Teilhard de Chardin ((1881-1955).

Truth comes as conqueror only because we have lost the art of receiving it as guest.

A great quote about truth from the book “The Religion of Man” by Rabindranath Tagore.

Stand up men and women, dare to believe in the truth, dare to practice the truth!

Swami Vivekananda.

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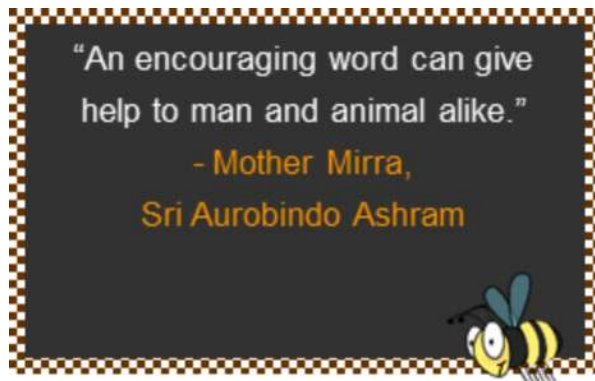
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